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Letter Regarding Petition Under 37 CFR 1.182 Filed With Replacement Drawings

The petition under 37 CFR 1.182 filed June 5, 2002 is acknowledged.

The procedure for submitting replacement drawings by filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 and a petition fee has been eliminated. Mail Stop PGPUB Drawings has also been eliminated. The Office may include any replacement drawings filed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 1.121(d) in the patent application publication if the replacement drawings are entered into the Office file wrapper of the application before technical preparations for publication of the application have begun (generally four months prior to the projected publication date.) See *Changes To Support Implementation of the United States Patent and Trademark Office 21st Century Strategic Plan*, Final Rule, 68 Fed. Reg. 56481, 56514-56525 (Sept. 21, 2004).

Accordingly, the replacement drawings filed with the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 may be included in the patent application publication if the drawings are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 1.121(d) and if they are entered into the Office file wrapper of the application before technical preparations for publication of the application have begun.

If a petition fee or processing fee was submitted with the replacement drawings, then the fee has been refunded.

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